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#### PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE-YESTERDAY .- Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to maintain and enforce the freedom of the inhabitants of the U.S. It repeals all laws and regulations heretofore in force in any State or Territory of the United States, wherein any equality on account of distinction of color or previous slavery has heretofore existed, and provides in various ways for the protection of the negroes in all their rights before the law. The Chair appointed Messrs. Fesbenden, Liuward, Journson, V. Mains and Halris to serve, with the Committee of the House, on the Joint Committee on Reconstruction. Mr. Sumner presented a petition from negro soldiers, asking for the same bounty as white volunteers are allowed, and protesting against the admission of the Southern representatives, except on a basis of general suffrage. Mr. Howard presented a petition from thirty-seven hundred colored men of South Carolina, praying for equal rights before the law, political and otherwise. Mr. Howard introduced a pream ble and resolution declaring that the Constitution provides for a speedy trial by jury, and requesting the President to inform the Senate upon what charges "the traitor, Jeff. Davis," is still held in confinement, and why he is not placed upon trial. The preamble and resolution were adopted. A sharp discussion then sprang up on Mr. Wilson's bill, and Mr. Sumner's remarks on the message of President Johnson. At its close, Mr. Cragin introduced a joint resolution to amend the Constitution. It provides that paramount sovereignty shall reside in the U.S.; that every citizen of the U. S. shall be bound, and shall primarily owe allegiance to the U.S., anything in the Constitution of any State or territory to the contrary, inotwithstanding, and every State heretofore in the Union, or that may hereafter be admitted into it, shall forever form a part of the U.S, and shall not, under any circumstances,

have the right to withdraw therefrom House of Representatives.-Mr. Hubbard introduced a resolution opposing the recognition by the Government of the United States of an attempt by any foreign Power to establish a monarchical form of government on this continent. Referred. Mr. Alley submisted a resolution instructing the Community e an Post Roads to inquire into the exp. dienc. d. establishing a national system of tel graphing throughout the United States, un er the suspices of the Federal Government. Adopted. Mr. Conkling introduced a resolution requesting the President to furnish any report or reports made by the Judge Advocate General, or any officers of the Government, in regard to the charges upon which Messrs. Davis, Clay, Mallory and Yulee, or either of them, are held in confinement. The resolution went over. A resolution was introduced granting pensions to volunteers who entered the service for 100 days. Mr. Voorhees introduced resolutions declaring that the message of the President, at the opening of Congress, is regarded by the House of Representatives as an able and judicious State paper, and the policy therein advocated is the safest and most practicable that can be applied to the restoration of our domestic affairs; that no State, either singly or in confederation with others, can sunder its connection with the Union except by subverting the present system of government; that the President deserves the thanks of the Government for his faithful, wise and successful efforts to restore civil government, law and order to the States late in rebellion, and that the members of the House of Representatives pledge themselves to aid, assist and uphold him in the policy which he has adopted. Their consideration was postnoned until Monday, January 9th. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the President's Message, and speeches advocating the reconstruction policy of President Johnson were made by Mr. Finck. of Ohio, and Mr. H. J. Raymond, of New York.

On Thursday last, a negro soldier was shot and killed by one of the city police of Augusta. Ga. The soldier was disorderly at the time, and in attempting to arrest him, he made a motion as if to draw a weapon. The policeman is in prison and it is thought will be tried before a Military Commission. The negro soldiers were greatly excited, and paraded the thoroughfares with loaded muskets and fixed bayonets, disarming the citizens, and arresting the police. The latter were afterwards discharged, and the pistols taken were restored to their owners.

Allen A. Bradford, delegate from Colorado, was last night run over by a street car, in Washington, and badly injured.

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# The Holidays.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRE-SENTS, such as Pearl and Inlaid Shell Card Cases, Morocco Bags; Kid, Silk, Thread, Buckskin and Morocco Purses, Silver Wire Portmonaies, Cabas, Scrap, Autograph and other Albums, Ladies' Shell-handle Penknives, Morocco Writing Cases, Portfolios, Penetories Morocco Writing Cases, Portfolios, Papeteries, Chessmen, Parlor Games, Parlour Balls, Beau-tiful Annuals or Gift Books, Ivory Tablets, Cigar Cases, Beautiful Ball Pins for headdresses. Shell and other Tuck and Side Combs, Finger Brushes, Scrap Books, Porcelain Slates, Hat Brushes, Gold Pens, Propeller Pocket Pencils, Guitars, Violins, Flutes, Baptist, Meth. & Presbyterian Hymn Books, Pocket Bibles and many other article scan be had very cheap for cash at JOHN H. PARROTT'S,

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mas presents. A large lot of Juvenile Books for the holi-

days, just opened. A large as ortment of fine Work Boxes, in Rosewood and Leather Writing Desks, Reti-cules, Etgue Boxes, Fine Morocco Travelling Bags, Backgammon Boards, Chess Men, Photograph Albums, Pocket Books and Portmonaies, Dominoes, Gold Pens and cases, &c.

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dec 15 - GEORGE E. FRENCH.

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JOH A. GEIB, No 113, King street, has just received, and offers for sale, a large assortment of TOYS AND FANCY ABTICLES, for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, consisting in

Albums, Pocket Books, Card Cases, and Wal lets, Perfumery, Cologne Water, Night Bl omin Cereus, Jockey Club, Mill flower, Musk, Hair Oil, Scented Oils, Soap, German and French Toilets. Wax Sets. Porcelain and C. ica Babies, Doll Heads, Music Boxes, Guitars, Italian Violins, Pearl inlaid Resewood Guitars, Flutes and Violins, Fine French 24 keys coordians, Ebony and Rosewood, Pearl inlaid Flutinas and Accordeans of all kinds, Flagolets, Flutes, Clacionets, Rubber Air Balls, Solice and Colors, Parlor Balls, plain and painted, Whips and Toys, Magic Lanterns, Drums and Fifes, Tuck, Buffelo, Redding, Long and other combs, Percussion Caps, Drinking Curs and Flasks, Fishing Tackle, Fancy Purses, Spectacles, Thimbles, Shawl Pins, Ladies Work Boxes, Rosewood, Ebony, Mahogony, Papie Machie, Satin Lined, Pearl Inlaid, and other fine Work Boxes, Ladies Faus, Pearl, Agate, Glass and Jet Dress Buttons, Pins, Needles, Hooks and Eyes, Suspenders, Wristlets, Belts, Bags and Satchels, Stationary, Toys, Drums, Trumpets, Whistles, Bugles, Rattles, Tin Toys, Dominoes, Children's Games, Dutch and Chinese Fire Works, Crackers, Torpedoes, Pen Knifes, &c., all of which will be sold at the lowest rates. dec 12-eo2w#

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# REMOVAL.

We, herewith take pleasure to inform our customers, and the public in general, that we have removed from No. 130 to No. 222, King street, between Columbus and Alfred, where we offer our entire stock of BOOTS AND SHOES from now until the first of January, at a reduction of 25 per ct., which will give a chance to every one to secure good basgains.

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NOTICE. - All persons indebted to the late firm of Ashby & Wood, are respectfully requested to settle their accounts without further de ay. It being necessary to close up the business, the books will in a short time be placed in other hands for collection. R. S. ASHBY.

R. L. WOOD. dec 14-1m

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